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President: Peter Kirby Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the BTS Board meeting held on Monday 16 August 2021 via Zoom commencing at 4.33 pm.

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Michael Andersch, Ross Bannister, Matthew Gregg, Deb Jeffrey, Christine McGrath, and Rob McGuire.

Observer: Anne Mullavey (Bowls Tasmania Board).

Apology: Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Paul Hoddy, Geoff Price, Leonie Price and Bernard Knight (Bowls Tasmania Board).

Welcome: President Peter Kirby welcomed Matthew Gregg to the Board and thanked him for filling the casual vacancy on the Board.

Minutes: Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Michael Andersch "that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2021 be confirmed".
Carried

Matters Arising:

Sponsorship 2019-20 and beyond

At the June 2018 Board meeting, it was agreed that this matter should remain on the agenda for future Board meetings. The Secretary undertook to approach Derwent Eye Specialists to enquire if it will be renewing its sponsorship for 2021-22.

Coronavirus and Lawn Bowls Update

No changes have occurred in regard to this matter since the last meeting.

Fixed Fee Membership Model

At the May 2021 Board meeting, it was agreed that a sub-committee be established with the aim of preparing an argument for the Flat Fee model to be introduced in 2022-23. Terms of reference have been established and were approved by the Board. Peter Kirby and Rob McGuire have already agreed to be on the sub-committee. At the June 2021 Board meeting it was agreed to also invite the BTS Treasurer and Bowls Tasmania Treasurer to be on the sub-committee but no action has been taken in this regard yet.

Bowling Arm Tasmania 2021 Program

At the January 2021 Board Meeting it was agreed that the BTS Secretary would investigate grant opportunities to purchase more uniforms to be able to provide uniforms for Bowling Arm representative sides. To date no suitable grant opportunities have been identified.

Selectors playing in SWC teams and RCC Meeting

At the Regional Consultative Committee meeting held on 25 May 2021 it was agreed to recommend that the Bowls Tasmania policy be amended to prohibit State Selectors playing in SWC teams for which they are a Selector. The Secretary is seeking confirmation that the Bowls Tasmania policy has been amended accordingly following which the BTS policy will be similarly amended.

Vacant BTS Southern Sides Selectors, Coaches and Managers

At its meeting on 30 May 2021, it was agreed to invite expressions of interest in selectors, coaches and managers for BTS representative teams for 2021-22. Expressions of interest closed on 13 August 2021. The following expressions of interest have been received and were approved by the Board:

- Open Men Selectors – Bryce Guy and Ricky Maughan.
- Open Women's Selector – Carol Bannister.
- Junior Coaches and Selectors – Michael Taylor and Brett Forsyth.

It was agreed to invite further expressions of interest in selectors for the Men's and Women's Senior teams and vacant manager positions for BTS representative teams for 2021-22.

BTS Tribunal Members

At the July 2021 Board meeting it was agreed that the Tribunal for 2021-22 is low on female representation and Board members were asked to consider what suitable females could be added as Tribunal members for 2021-22. It was agreed that this matter should remain on the agenda for future Board meetings.

BTS Board Member Uniforms

At the June 2021 Board meeting it was agreed to leave ordering new BTS Board uniforms until all positions on the Board have been filled. Board members have been requested to provide their sizes to the Secretary as soon as possible and, if unsure, were requested to attend the Hobart Bowls Centre for checking of sizes.

Working with Vulnerable People Card

New BTS Board members have been reminded that they require a Working with Vulnerable People Card as a member of the Board. Existing Board members have been asked to check the expiry date of their own Cards. Copies of the Card are to be provided to the Secretary when received or renewed. The Secretary has started collecting this information.

Zoom Subscription

At the July 2021 Board meeting it was agreed that BTS would renew its Zoom subscription for another twelve months and this has been done.

Conditions of Play 2021-22

At its meeting in July 2021 draft Conditions of Play were adopted and were forwarded to Clubs for comment prior to formally approving same.

Concerns were raised by Glenorchy City, Howrah and Tarooma in regard to increasing the number of teams in Saturday Pennant Division 6 which was contrary to the results of the BTS survey in regard to this matter. Moved: Michael Andersch Seconded: Deb Jeffrey “to rescind the motion passed at the July 2021 meeting permitting more than ten teams and clubs to have more than one team in Saturday Pennant Division 6”. Carried

Glenorchy City suggested that a new condition be added to Conditions of Play which would prohibit players who have played in a final from playing other finals in a lower division without permission of the BTS Match Committee. It was agreed to leave Conditions of Play 3.22 Eligibility for Finals as is.

Some Board members expressed concerns on the wording of the use of electronic devices during play. It was agreed to leave Conditions of Play as is at present until the Bowls Australia review of its Personal Electronic Devices policy is undertaken later this year.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Michael Taylor and Brett Forsyth – Expression of interest Junior Coaches and Selectors 2021-22 – Refer Matters Arising above.

Bryce Guy and Ricky Maughan – Expression of interest Men’s Open Selector 2021-22 – Refer Matters Arising above.

J. Carroll Club Promotions – Preferred scorecard supplier for Bowls Tasmania – Offer to supply BTS scorecards for 2021-22 FOC. It was agreed give Typeface first right of refusal to supply BTS scorecards FOC for 2021-22 else accept the offer from J. Carroll Club Promotions.

Matthew Gregg – Accepting appointment to BTS Board - Noted.

Elise Archer MP – Condolences passing of Life Member Neil Clark - Noted.

Matthew Gregg, Michael Andersch and Peter Kirby – Comments on draft Conditions of Play 2021-22 – Refer Matters Arising above.

Rob McGuire – Resignation as Secretary BTS and all other involvement with BTS. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ross Bannister “to appoint Paul Matthews as BTS Secretary”. Carried

It was agreed that the current duties of the BTS Secretary need to be reviewed with a view to spread the workload amongst others. Vacancies as Publicity Officer and the Match Committee need to be filled.

As Paul will be working from home and not the BTS Office it was agreed to get rid of the BTS facsimile and to change the PO Box to a venue to be approved by Paul.

Carol Bannister and Grant Allford – Expression of interest Coaches Panel 2021-22 – Accepted.

Bowling Arm Tasmania Committee – Minutes meeting 28 July 2021 - Noted.

Taroona – Concerns re proposed changes to Saturday Pennant Division 6 which are contrary to results of Club Survey – Refer Matters Arising above.

Carol Bannister – Expression of interest Women’s Open Selector – Refer Matters Arising above.

Royal Hobart – Questions re BTS Greens Protection Policy. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ross Bannister “that the updated Greens Protection Policy as circulated to Board members prior to the meeting be approved”. Carried

Glenorchy City – Concerns re proposed changes to Saturday Pennant Division 6 which are contrary to results of Club Survey – Refer Matters Arising above.

Howrah - Concerns re proposed changes to Saturday Pennant Division 6 which are contrary to results of Club Survey – Refer Matters Arising above.

Cremorne – Seeking to discuss Greens Protection Policy at next Delegates Meeting – Agreed to list on agenda for next Delegates Meeting.

Glenorchy City – Suggestion re Conditions of Play 2021-22 re eligibility for finals – Refer Matters Arising above.

Mastercast – Quote for supply of pennant medallions, championship bars, 8 badges and BTS badges for championship bars – Accepted.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Fixtures 2021-22, Updated Coronavirus Policy, Greens Protection Policy, Clearance and Transfer Policy as at June 2020, Clearances 2021-22 as at 19 July 2021, Reminder re last of Howrah's 2021 Winter Coaching Program, Board Meeting Minutes July 2021, Pennant - a proposed way forward, Draft Conditions of Play 2021-22, Results Saturday Pennant Divisions 6 and 7 Survey, Results Thursday Women's Pennant Club Survey, Coaches Panel Vacancies, Resignation BTS Secretary.

Bowls Tasmania – Endorsement of Bowls Tasmania Southern Selectors.

Matthew Gregg – Appointment to BTS Board.

Cremorne – Approve change to polo top.

Howrah - Suggestions re changes to BTS Conditions of Play have been approved.

Orford – Approve change to polo top.

Michael Kelleher (Rosny Park), Leigh McAdam (Glenorchy City), Don McVilly (Cremorne), Phil Richardson (Glenorchy Rodman), Noel Sargent (Buckingham), Allen Sculthorpe (Kingborough), Patricia Zapotocky (Buckingham) – Appointment to BTS Tribunal 2021-22.

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Michael Andersch “that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed”. Carried.

Reports:

Finance:

Treasurer Deb Jeffrey forwarded her report to the Secretary prior to the meeting but it was not circulated to Board Members until after the meeting. It was agreed that the report and accounts paid will be approved at the next meeting.

Treasurer Deb Jeffrey advised that she has re-established BTS accounts using MYOB and has entered the approved budget and last year’s figures. She still has not got access to the BTS Bendigo Bank accounts and will discuss this further with the Secretary.

Moved: Deb Jeffrey Seconded: Christine McGrath “to advise Clubs that BTS will not accept payments by cheque after 31 March 2022”. Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Deb Jeffrey Seconded: Ross Bannister “that the following interstate clearances be approved and the intrastate clearances be noted:

- Carlene Ackerley – North Hobart to Rosny Park.
- Diane Ayton – Glenorchy Rodman to Buckingham.
- Kevin Bowkett – North Hobart to Rosny Park.
- Brock Bricknell – Ouse to Kingborough.
- Nicole Bricknell – Ouse to Kingborough.
- Paul Bricknell – Ouse to Kingborough.
- Sue Clark – Geeveston to Kingborough.
- Jordon Croft – Beltana to Glenorchy Rodman.
- Darrell Davidson – Howrah to Beltana.
- Brett Ellis – Claremont to Glenorchy Rodman.
- Jack Ellis – Claremont to Glenorchy Rodman.
- Hugh Fletcher – Burnett (QLD) to Dover RSL.
- Linda Fletcher – Burnett (QLD) to Dover RSL.
- Brad Johns – Taroona to Franklin.
- Peter Latham – Rosny Park to Howrah.
- Michelle Moate – Beltana to Glenorchy Rodman.
- John Oates – Kingborough to Orford.
- Warren O’Rourke – Glenorchy Rodman to Claremont.
- Dianne Peck – Interstate Pennant Declaration Claremont to South Tweed (QLD).
- Shane Peck – Interstate Pennant Declaration Claremont to South Tweed (QLD).
- Stephen Potter – Howrah to Tasman.
- Elizabeth Rickards – Geeveston to Kingborough.
- Janet Rutherford – Buckingham to Howrah.
- David Triffett – St. John’s Park to Beltana.
- Sebastian Triffett – St. John’s Park to Beltana.
- Xavier Triffett – St. John’s Park to Beltana.
- Lyn Triffitt – New Norfolk to Brighton.
- Jason Williams – Kingborough to Franklin.
- Shane Withers – Beltana to Glenorchy Rodman.”

Carried

Match Committee:

Nothing to report.

Officiating Panel:

Nothing to report.

Coaches Panel:

Ross Bannister advised that the final Winter Coaching session was held at the Howrah Indoor Centre on 1 August 2021. It was agreed to thank Howrah for the use of its Indoor Centre for the coaching sessions.

Selectors:

Nothing to report.

Forward Planning:BTS Strategic Plan 2019-23:

It has previously been agreed that time will be spent each Board meeting going through the Strategic Plan and allocating tasks as required. No action was taken on the Strategic Plan at the meeting.

General Business:Next Delegates Meeting:

It was agreed to hold the next Delegates Meeting at 1pm on Monday 27 September 2021 at Buckingham if available else call expressions of interest in hosting same.

Opening Day:

It was agreed to hold the 2021 Opening Day on Monday 11 October 2021 at Brighton (it was due to be held there last year but was cancelled due to inclement weather) else call expressions of interest in hosting same. Because of Coronavirus, afternoon tea will need to be served on individual plates.

Bowls Tasmania Championships and Events 2021-22:

BTS will be hosting Bowls Tasmania Gala Week Championships, the Open and Seniors State Wide Challenge and Saturday Pennant State Finals in the South in 2021-22 and will need Clubs with two grass greens to host some of these championships and events. It was agreed to call expressions of interest from Clubs with two or more grass greens to host these events. Other Clubs will be needed to assist in hosting part of the Gala Week Championships.

BTS Championships 2021-22:

It was agreed to call for expressions of interest from Clubs interested in hosting BTS Championships in 2021-22.

Juniors:

President Peter Kirby circulated a discussion paper on the junior program in Tasmania to Board members prior to the meeting. Michael Andersch and Peter Kirby undertook to amend the discussion paper as discussed at the meeting and to submit it for discussion to the next Regional Consultative Committee meeting.

Moved: Michael Andersch Seconded: Rob McGuire “that the BTS Duties of Statewide Pennant Selectors, Team Managers and Coaches and Representative Players Responsibilities and Code of Conduct documents provide the necessary requirements to protect junior players who are provided overnight accommodation to attend Bowls Tasmania events on behalf of BTS”. Carried

Michael Andersch and Peter Kirby undertook to review these documents and report back to the next Board meeting.

Bowlers with Bowling Arm Discussion Paper:

President Peter Kirby circulated a discussion paper on the bowlers with bowling arm program in Tasmania to Board members prior to the meeting. Michael Andersch and Peter Kirby undertook to amend the discussion paper as discussed at the meeting and to submit it for discussion to the next Regional Consultative Committee meeting.

Changes to Constitution:

President Peter Kirby circulated several papers on proposed changes to Rule 8 of the BTS Constitution to Board members prior to the meeting. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Matthew Gregg “that Section 8 of the BTS Constitution be deleted and replaced by the following:

8 MEMBERSHIP AND CAPITATION FEES

8.1 The annual membership and/or capitation fees for Clubs and Provisional Clubs shall be determined by the Board.

8.2 The secretary of each Club shall maintain an accurate membership database in a format prescribed by the Board.” Carried

It is proposed that changes to the BTS Constitution will be presented to Clubs at a Special General Meeting to be held immediately prior to the next Delegates Meeting on 27 September 2021.

Other changes to Conditions of Play 2021-22:

Matthew Gregg raised a number of concerns and inconsistencies with Conditions of Play for 2021-22. He agreed to provide these in writing which would be referred to the BTS Conditions of Play Committee for its consideration before being ratified by the Board at its next meeting.

Australian Blind Bowling Championships:

Christine McGrath asked if BTS would be interested in hosting a future Australian Blind Bowling Championships which would require a Club with three grass greens to host it. It was agreed that this matter should be directed in the first instance to Bowls Tasmania.

Thank You to BTS Secretary:

As this will be the last meeting of the BTS Secretary, President Peter Kirby thanked Rob McGuire for his excellent work over nearly ten years as Secretary and wished him well in his new position with Bowls Tasmania.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held at 4.30pm on Monday 20 September 2021. A decision will be made closer to the day to determine if the meeting will be held face-to-face at a venue to be determined or electronically via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2021